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REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 6, 15, 17, 20, 25, 30, 32, 34 and 42-44 have been amended and claims 4-6, 18, 19, 24, 29, 40 and 41 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. In a telephone conversation with the Examiner on August 31, 2004, the Examiner approved cancellation of claim 11, which was omitted from the original application. Accordingly, with this Amendment, claim 11 has been canceled.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6, 15, 16, 29, 32, 33, 41 and 42 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 4-6, which have been canceled, and claim 7 has been amended to be dependent upon claim 1. Claim 15 has been amended to be in independent form, independent claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 18, 19, 24 and 29, which have been canceled, and claims 20, 25 and 30 have been amended to be dependent upon claim 17. Claim 32 has been amended to be in independent form, including the limitations of claims 17-19, 24 and 30, and independent claim 34 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 40 and 41, which have been canceled.

Accordingly, allowance of claim 1 and claims 2, 3, 7-10 and 12-14 dependent thereon, independent claim 15 and claim 16 dependent thereon, independent 17 and claims 20-23, 25-28, 30 and 31 dependent thereon, independent 32 and claim 33 dependent thereon, and independent claim 34 and claims 35-39 and 42-44 dependent thereon is respectfully requested.

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II. Conclusion

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

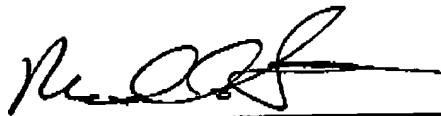
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to those matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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